

Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January, in the Life Science Building at the University of Tasmania from 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting outside the main entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is GPO Box 68A, Hobart, 7001 and the club contact is Don Hird (34 4293).

Programme

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| Thurs. 4 Feb. | <u>7.45p.m.</u> : Steve Harris who is a botanist with Parks and Wildlife will talk on Furneaux Island Flora. |
| Sat. 6 Feb. | <u>10 a.m.</u> : The next best thing to a Furneaux Island trip is an outing to the east coast—Steve will lead an excursion to view the Oyster Bay pines on the East Coast. |
| Thurs. 4 March | <u>7.45p.m.</u> : AGM followed by the President's Address. The AGM always provides an opportunity for the Club to see some new faces and ideas on the Committee. Please volunteer to take your turn. Nomination forms will be available at meetings. (See <i>Nobody's Business</i> overleaf.) |
| 19–21 March | Federation meeting at Bronte Park. Details are included overleaf. |
| Thurs. 1 April | <u>7.45p.m.</u> : Debbie Bramich of the Zoology Department at Tas Uni will talk to us on the ecology of the common dolphin in southern Tasmania. |
| Sat. 3 April | <u>10 a.m.</u> : Debbie has established an extensive network of observers including commercial and sport fisher-people who regularly report dolphin sightings. Debbie will have us spotting dolphins for her around her local study sites. |
| Thurs. 6 May | <u>7.45p.m.</u> : Will Fletcher, from the <i>Plants of Tasmania Nursery</i> will speak on aspects of propagating and landscaping with Tasmanian Plants. |
| Sat. 8 May | <u>10 a.m.</u> : Outing to the <i>Plants of Tasmania Nursery</i> at Ridgeway. If the weather is kind we may walk to the top of Chimney Pot Hill for lunch and inspect the Tasmanian endemic plants typical of dolerite hillsides in south-east Tasmania. |
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New Members A special welcome to our new members Jayne Bulmer, Genevieve Gates, Frances Maxwell and Tony Woolford.

The Tasmanian Naturalist Sue Collier has had some success in locating the missing issues of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* (see the July 1992 *Bulletin*). Many thanks to members who have helped in the search. The issues we still require are first series volume 2, number 1 (1908); second series volume 1, number 1 (1924). The committee is now very anxious to acquire originals of these issues. Please search your bookshelves, keep your eyes out in antiquarian bookshops and auctions.

The Club purchased four old copies of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* at an auction for \$18, some of which were required for our set. In light of this, the committee will now dispose gradually of some of the old issues at auctions to clear our excess stock and raise funds. This may be your last chance to buy old copies at the members price of \$1 each.

Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs of Tasmania Our Club is hosting the next meeting of the Federation at Bronte Park Chalet on the weekend 19–21 March 1993. As usual we are planning to use some quality guides and speakers for this occasion. Please make a special effort to come along and meet the keen members of our allied Clubs around the State. You don't have to attend the annual general meeting!

Venue Bronte Park Highland Village and Chalet, Marlborough Highway.

Accommodation 6 houses have been reserved with 3 double and/or twin share rooms. Full kitchen, showers and toilet are in each house. Bring sheets and towels. Cost is \$15 per person per night in a house. Also there are beds available in the hostel at \$10 per person per night. Accommodation will be allocated by Margaret Mollison upon booking and sending the full cost of the accommodation. Other accommodation is available in the Chalet, book direct with Bronte Park for this, ph (002) 89 1126.

Food We have booked a room for Saturday evening meal at the Chalet for \$12 per person. Please advise whether you wish to be included when booking. Bring all other food or buy direct from the Chalet dining room.

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Friday 19 March

4:00pm Rooms available for occupation. Members of the TasNats will bring some slides to show informally for people who arrive early.

Saturday 20 March

Optional activities are planned. Choose from:

8:30am Leave for Lake St Clair for boat trip to the north end of the Lake. A guided botanical walk is planned at the north end of the Lake. There will be several kms of walking.

9:30am A morning studying local birds and an afternoon studying local plants. We have invited experts who have conducted scientific studies in the Bronte area. Minimal walking required.

6:00pm Meal at Bronte Park Chalet. A guest speaker will address the members after dinner. Optional spotlighting.

Sunday 21 March

8:30am Visit to mammal traps which were set overnight.

9:30am–11:00am Federation Annual General Meeting. All Club reports should be written in advance and tabled. Time for discussion will be allocated to agenda items lodged with the Federation secretary in advance of the meeting.

10:00am Study the insects caught in insect traps. Study snails caught at Lake St Clair.

12:30pm BBQ prior to departure.

Bookings Margaret Mollison, ph (002) 28 2720. Please specify name(s), accommodation requirement(s) and requirement(s) for the meal on Saturday evening.

Check-list

Bring All food except Saturday night meal, or money to eat at the Chalet. Warm clothes and walking boots if travelling to Lake St Clair. Sheets and towels.

Cost \$12 evening meal and \$15 per night for each person in a house.

Nobody's Business There were four people named Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody who were supposed to be involved in an important project by helping when required.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could have done it. Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Mammal Survey Group welcomes visitors and new mammal surveyors and your observations (in writing please). Please contact Don Hird, ph 34 4293 (H), 21 5912 (W), to confirm details of the outing.

Mammal Survey Group Programme

13–14 February

Camp out on Blackman River near Tunbridge. Bat sonic detection devices will be demonstrated as well as mammal survey techniques.
